Georgia Department of Transportation

PRESSRELEASE

Visit us on Facebook or Twitter.

For Immediate Release:
Monday, December 08, 2014

Contact:
Jill Nagel 912.424.6643 Mobile

NEW FLASHING YELLOW ARROW STARTS TODAY IN HINESVILLE

New Georgia DOT Traffic Signal to Improve Safety & Expedite Left Turns

Hinesville, Ga. - New traffic signals designed to improve safety and increase traffic flow – especially for left-turn movements – will be operational today in Hinesville.

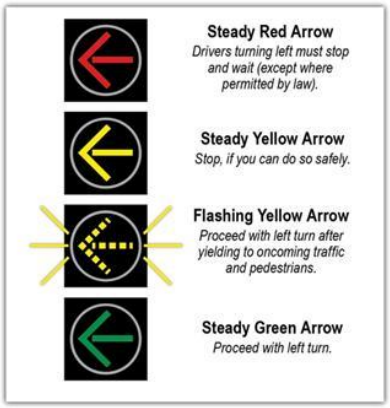
Traffic signals at US 84/SR 38 at Memorial Drive and the new realigned Layton Street intersection will be re-signalized by the Georgia Department of Transportation in collaboration with the City of Hinesville with what are known as Four-Section Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA) traffic lights that will provide an extended period of time for motorists to turn left after yielding to any oncoming traffic.

"The flashing yellow arrow primary purpose is to reduce the often-devastating right angle crashes that occur when drivers turning left are struck by oncoming traffic," stated Cynthia Phillips, District Traffic Engineer. "This new traffic signal design will give drivers a clear picture of when they may turn left, when to proceed with caution, and when they should prepare to stop."

The FYA signals will apply exclusively to drivers making left turns. The signal configuration will be a vertical display of four left turn arrows functioning as follows (displayed at bottom):

- When solid **Red** arrow is illuminated, no left turn is allowed;
- When solid **Yellow** arrow is displayed, drivers should prepare to stop as light is about to turn red;
- When flashing **Yellow** arrow is illuminated, drivers may turn left but must yield to pedestrians and oncoming vehicles; and
- When solid **Green** arrow is displayed, drivers may turn left.

Federal Highway Administration studies have shown these signals help reduce crashes of left-turning vehicles by as much as 35 percent. The FYA also offers clearer guidance to drivers turning left and allows them more movement through the intersection when no pedestrians or oncoming traffic are present, thereby reducing back-ups, engine idling and auto emissions.



###